HO-31 Spring Hill and Spring Hill Quarter Howard County Jennifer Goold November 8, 2005

ADDENDUM

This addendum to the existing documentation for HO-31, Spring Hill and Spring Hill Quarter clarifies the relationship between the structure called Spring Hill and that called Spring Hill Quarter and more thoroughly describes the outbuildings, now part of Spring Hill Quarter.

Description

The house documented as Spring Hill Quarter (ca. 1790) is set in a complex of outbuildings historically associated with Spring Hill, an early 18th brick manor house that now has separate ownership. The stone foundation of a barn is located immediately southwest of the house. A corncrib, now converted into a shed, is located northwest of the house. A ca. 1880 bank barn is located north-northwest of the house and a ca. 1830 spring house is located east of the house. This description focuses on the barn and spring house, which are the most intact buildings in the complex and which were inadequately addressed in the original documentation.

Spring house

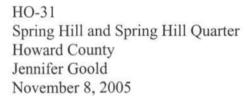
The spring house (ca. 1830) is a 1-story, 1-bay, stone building in good condition. The building has a pyramidal roof, which is sheathed in wood shingles, with deeply overhanging eaves. The primary façade of the spring house faces south. The main entry – a wood batten door - is centered in the south facade. The east, west, and north facades each have a centered window opening, which are barred with wood stakes. The deeply overhanging eaves shade the stone walls. The roof has a simple cornice consisting of a fascia board and plastered soffit. Much of the plaster has been lost, exposing the riven lathe. Four 20th c. posts support the eaves at the four corners.

The interior of the spring house retains its troughs around the base of the building, which still hold water. The walls are plastered and traces of the historic blue lime wash remain visible. The plaster has fallen from the ceiling revealing the riven lathe and wrought nails.

Bank barn

The bank barn (ca. 1880) is a 2-story, 3-bay, timber-frame barn on a stone lower story in fair condition. The barn is banked into the slope that is located north of the house. The barn is sheathed in replacement horizontal wood weatherboard siding. The building has a side-gable roof with metal sheathing and a louvered, gable-roofed, wood ventilator. The ground floor now houses horse stalls. Doors on the lower story are wood batten Dutch doors. The main floor was used for hay storage and is entered by way of an earthen ramp from the north. The upper story plan consists of a central runway flanked by hay mows.

The primary façade of the barn faces south. The stone ground floor of the south façade has an irregular pattern of openings. From the west, there is a small window opening, an entry door opening, a small window opening, and a larger opening, now infilled with a wood panel with a stall door flanked by a pair of window openings. A stone wind break projects at the east end. The door and window openings are located at the top of the stone façade and the wood sills of the wood frame of the barn form the window and door lintels. The upper story of the south façade has central loading bay with a wood sliding door. Two window openings are symmetrically placed on either side of the door opening. One six-light wood sash remains in the eastern window opening.



The west side façade has one small double window opening centered in the ground floor. The upper story has one window opening in the peak of the gable.

The north façade of the barn has a central loading bay that is now infilled with wood siding. A smaller loading bay is located east of the central opening, which has hinged wood batten doors. Stone wing walls extend at diagonals from the north façade and act as retaining walls for the earthen bank.

The east side façade does not have any ground floor openings. The upper story has two symmetrically placed window openings. One window opening is centered in the gable end. Pieces of six-over-six wood windows remain in the window openings. The east side façade is sheathed in vertical wood plank siding.

Significance

Spring Hill Quarter is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of Howard County history. Constructed ca. 1790 as the Edward Hill Dorsey house, the house is associated with one of Howard County's founding families. The buildings also have significance as the outbuildings of Spring Hill, an early 19th c. Dorsey house located immediately west of the Quarter. Additionally, Spring Hill Quarter embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type, period, andmethod of construction. The stone-built house is among the earliest examples in the county of its type, material, and method of construction in Howard County. Its early date of construction, vernacular form, stone construction material, and square footprint are notable within the county.

The house referred to as Spring Hill Quarter in HO-31 is most likely the Edward Hill Dorsey house dating from the late 18th century. As noted in Kenneth Short's documentation for the Montjoy Barn, the 1798 Direct Tax listed that "Edward Hill Dorsey was living on 900 acres of Chew's Resolution Manor with:

1 stone dwelling house, 30 feet square, 2 story

2 log kitchens, 15 by 12 feet each, 1 story.

1 log smokehouse, 15 by 12.

2 log hen house, 8 by 8 feet each. 1 log corn house, 12 by 16 feet

1 log stable 20 by 12 feet

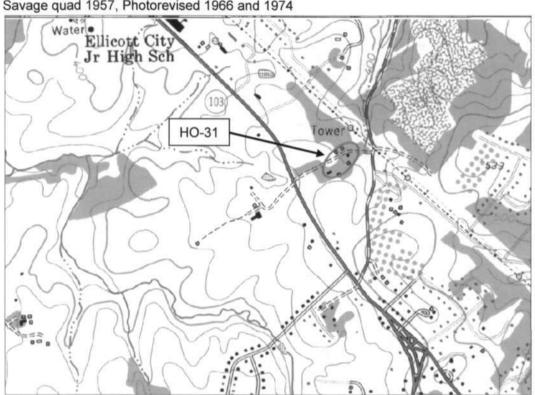
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1 log lumber house, 12 by 10 feet

1 fraimed granary, 10 by 12 feet

The house is located on the Chew's Resolution Manor land grant and the dimensions and ownership history match. Oral history for the property indicates that the building was later used as a quarter and then a carriage house and chauffeur's quarters for Spring Hill, constructed in the early 19th century. Because the building had so many later uses and was entirely rehabbed in the 1950s the only original fabric that remains are the stone walls. Thus, it is nearly impossible to confirm its date of construction with any certainty.

HO-31 Spring Hill and Quarters 4659 Montgomery Road (MD 103) and 4614 New Cut Road Savage quad 1957, Photorevised 1966 and 1974



National Web Map Service 6" Orthophoto Map, c. 2010



HO-31 Spring Hill and Quarters
4659 Montgomery Road (MD 103) and 4614 New Cut Road
Bing Maps Bird's Eye View
Facing north, showing Spring Hill



Facing west, showing Quarter, Barn, and Spring House





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Circa 1804 Circa 1798

The land on which Spring Hill stands was originally a tract patented in 1695 to Samuel Chew as "Chew's Resolution Manor" which came into the hands of Caleb Dorsey in 1718. Spring Hill was the gift of Caleb Dorsey, of Belmont, to his daughter Rebecca who married Charles Ridgely, the builder of "Hampton" near Towson, Maryland. It was part of a tract known as "Rebecca's Lot".

This fine brick house (laid in English garden wall brick bond), three bays wide and two bays deep is two and a halfstories high and has a gable roof and wide brick chimneys set into its north and south walls. A one story semi enclosed porch runs along its south wall while numerous additions spread northward connecting with one another of both brick and frame construction. Despite these enlargements Spring 'Hill retains its charm and original integrity as well as its wood glen setting.

North of the main house and under separate ownership lies Spring Hill Quarters, occupied in 1798 by Edward Hill Dorsey and used to house the workers on the property. Presently owned by Mr. & Mrs. William Filbert it features beamed ceilings, small, deeply cut window openings and an oriel window addition.

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Two square brick pillars capped with cement blocks located at 4659 Montgomery Road had wrought iron gates at the entrance to an avenue of mature trees which leads to the house which faces east.

The south wing of the house is a three bay wide, two bay deep 2½ story gabled roof brick house (laid in English garden wall brick bond).

The double-hung windows on the west facade are decorated with splayed brick flat arched lintels and holds 12. over -12 lites. All fenestration is proportionally scaled. A chimney is set into the north and south walls of this wing, in all probability the original structure.

Six wooden steps lead to an open shed roofed porch running the length of the west wallsupported by five doric columns. The entrance on the south b ay is rectangular and decorated with a splayed brick flat arched lintel. The south side of the porch is enclosed.

Two double-hung windows are inset into the south wall formed by the gable roof and hold six-over-three lites decorated with stretcher brick flat arched lintels.

Two lite transoms surmount french doors holding 10-10 lites which enter the porch on the west and are flanked by 10 lite windows surmounted by two lite transoms. The south side of the porch holds three tripartite windows, all holding ten lites surmounted by two lite transoms and divided by square pillars.

The east elevation holds three 2nd floor double hung windows with 12-over-8 lites decorated with splayed brick flat arched lintels.

Four brick steps lead to three oval brick steps which in turn lead to a flat roofed portito in the south bay, supported by doric columns and pilasters and crowned by a cornice. The entrance door is surmounted by a four lite transom. Two first floor double-hung windows rest north with 12-over 12 lites.

A one bay wide early brick addition of two and a half stories rests on the north wall. Its east first and second floor windows hold 12-over-8 lites. A third floor window has a flat wooden sill and holds 4 lites. A two bay wide shingled frame addition lies on the north wall of the brick addition. It holds double-hung windows with six-over-six lites and a chimney on the north wall. Its west elevation holds a first floor entrance on the south bay and a double-hung window with six-over-six lites on its north bay.

A second floor tri partite window is centered into the west wall of this addition, each window holding six-over-six lites.

A further shingled addition lies north of this, its gabled roof running north-south as all the previous additions but a bit lower in height though it contains two full stones, and holds a double-hung west first and second floor window with six-oversix lites, decorated with shutters.

The east facade of this addition has a north chimney. On the east wall of this gabled addition is a small enclosed two

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Spring Hill is significant architecturally and historically.

Architecturally it is representative of the fine old brick homes which dot the Howard County countryside and go back to the Ridgelys and Dorseys who helped develop the industry and agriculture of the region. Built in 1804 as a summer home, its interior has little changed with its mantles, stairway and old kitchen of rare charm dating back to 1787 when it was a log hunting lodge.

Part of a tract known as "Rebecca's Lot", Spring Hill was the gift of Caleb Dorsey, of Belmont, to his daughter Rebecca, who married Charles Ridgely, the builder of "Hampton". Originally this tract of land stood on "Chew's Resolution Manor", originally patented in 1695 to Samuel Chew but which early came into the possession of Caleb Dorsey of "Hockley" in 1718.

Further north a small stone house which served as a Slave Stockade stands It is probably the "stone dwelling 30 feet square two stories" occupied in 1798 by Edward Hill Dorsey, and mentioned in a tax list of this year.

It has access from New Cut Road and later served as a carriage house for Spring Hill. An earthen floor and wooden cells remained until 1914, when it was converted to a tenant cottage. The beamed ceilings and small window openings with two feet deep sills are noteworthy. At one time owned by Mr. & Mrs. Clifford Shaw and now owned by Mr. & Mrs. William Filbert it serves as a charming residence.

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bay wide wooden shed roofed addition. A window is located in the south bay with six-over-six lites with a three lite transom which may have been a door originally.

The present door is on the north bay. A latticed open porch with flat roof and wooden floor is located east. Still north of this building complex is an additional one bay, one and a half story high, two bay deep gabled roof room. The gabled runs eastwest and has a chimney on its west wall which holds two second floor six-lite windows on either side of the brick chimney.

North of this is a one story frame structure with gabled roof running north-south intersecting g-w gable. A rectangular window on west bay holds an air conditioner and a square window is located in the east bay. A 15 lite entrance door is on the east. A one story hip-roofed addition sits in the intersection of the last two north additions with a square north window and a paneled east door.

This building complex composed of some five additions is located on a hill surrounded by mature trees and shrubs. A brick pathway runs along the east elevation lined with box-wood.

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Spring Hill Quarters

Owner: William C. Filbert

4614 New Cut Road

Ellicott City, Maryland 21043

Acreage: 7.230 Acres

Please see Tax Map 31 Block 1, p. 9, 279-502 Spring Hill Quarters is a three bay wide, four bay deep stone building which was used as a slave quarters in the early seventeen hundreds.

Its gabled roof runs north-south with brick chimney inset into the north wall. A central rectangular entrance is located on the south wall flanked by four-lite casement windows and covered with a gabled roof supported by scrolled brackets. Two double-hung second floor windows lie above with six-over-six lites and a similar third story window centered into the gable.

The north elevation holds a west bay rectangular entrance with eight lites and a first floor east bay double-hung window with six-over-six lites. Two similar second floor windows lie above while two four-lite casement windows lie on each side of the brick chimney.

An oriel window with three rectangular windows is located in the central bay of the east elevation. Four lite casement windows with shutters lie on each side while a second floor four lite window lies above with a rectangular double-hung window lying on each side holding six-over-six lites and six-over-one lites.

The most interesting elevation lies on the west with four first floor four lite square casement windows decorated with granite keystones with two double-hung second floor windows lying above holding six-over-six lites. A brick chimney rises from the middle of the west wall between two gabled dormer windows.

An addition is in the process of being built on the north wall of the house.

Barns lie west and north of the quarters while a shingled tent roofed stone spring house lies east with a batton wood door on its south wall.

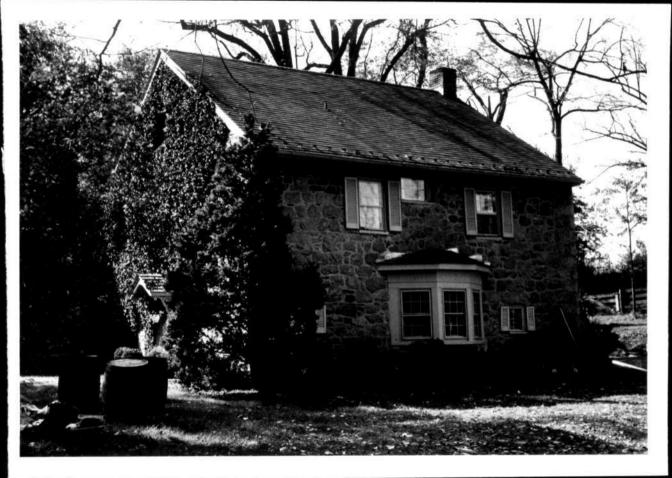
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